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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62085

Akira YAMAGUCHI

Appln. No.: 09/782,042

Group Art Unit: 2871

Confirmation No.: 8214

Examiner: Hoan C. NGUYEN

Filed: February 14, 2001

For: COLLIMATING PLATE, LIGHTING APPARATUS AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two (2) distinct species, identified as Species A and B. Additionally, the Examiner has indicated that Species A contains two subgroups, identified as Group a and Group b. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 1 and 32 of Species A are generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects **Species A** and **Group a**, for examination, in which claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10, 26, 32 and 33 are readable. This election is made without traverse.

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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 2, 6-8, 11, 24, 25, 27-31, 34 and 35, as well as previously withdrawn claims 12-23.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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